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CHP Anti-DUI Efforts Paying Off

(SACRAMENTO) The California Highway Patrol's (CHP) "Statewide Driving under the Influence (DUI) Reduction Effort" grant has concluded. A new grant-funded campaign is about to begin. Under this \$5 million project, CHP personnel were deployed on an overtime basis with the mission of removing impaired drivers from California's roadways. The grants were awarded by the state Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

During the project's enforcement period 233 DUI/Driver License Checkpoints and 66 DUI Task Force Operations were conducted, and nearly 40,545 overtime hours were expended providing proactive DUI Roving Patrol. As a result of these enforcement efforts, 2,971 DUI arrests were made by CHP officers.

The goal of the "Statewide Driving under the Influence (DUI) Reduction Effort" project was to reduce the number of people killed and injured in alcohol-involved collisions. Through the enforcement efforts this grant provided, the CHP was able to eliminate these DUI drivers from our roadways, keeping our highways safer.

The CHP is urging motorists to help reduce the incidence of DUI fatalities and injuries by not drinking and driving.

The CHP has received another grant for a similar anti-DUI campaign during the 2008-09 fiscal year.